

What Is Claimed:

1. A method for making decorative grass having a three-dimensional pattern comprising:

providing a material having an upper surface, a lower surface and a three-dimensional pattern on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof;

slitting the material to provide strips of material having a predetermined width; and

cutting the strips of material into segments to provide a decorative grass having a three-dimensional pattern.

2. The method for making the decorative grass having a three-dimensional pattern of claim 1 wherein, in the step of providing the material having a three-dimensional pattern on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof, the material is further provided with a printed design or material thereon which cooperates with the three-dimensional pattern to provide at least a portion of the decor to the decorative grass.

3. The method for making the decorative grass having a three-dimensional pattern of claim 2 wherein, in the step of providing the material having a three-dimensional pattern on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces

thereof, the three-dimensional pattern and the printed design or material thereon which cooperates with the three-dimensional pattern to provide at least a portion of the decor to the decorative grass are positioned within the boundaries of the segments of the decorative grass.

4. The method for making the decorative grass having a three-dimensional pattern of claim 2 wherein, in the step of providing the material having a three-dimensional pattern on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof, the material is further provided with embossed material thereon which cooperates with the three-dimensional pattern and the printed design or material to provide at least a portion of the decor to the decorative cover.

5. The method for making the decorative grass having a three-dimensional pattern of claim 4 wherein, in the step of providing the material having a three-dimensional pattern on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof, the three-dimensional, the printed design or material and the embossed material thereon which cooperates with the three-dimensional pattern to provide at least a portion of the decor to the decorative grass are positioned within the boundaries of the segments of the decorative grass.

6. The method for making the decorative grass having a three-dimensional pattern of claim 4 wherein, in the step of providing the material having a three-dimensional pattern on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof, at least a portion of the printed design or material and the embossed material are in registry with one another.

7. The method for making the decorative grass having a three-dimensional pattern of claim 4 wherein, in the step of providing the material having a three-dimensional pattern on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof, at least a portion of the printed design or material and the embossed material are out of registry with one another.

8. The method for making the decorative grass having a three-dimensional pattern of claim 1 wherein, in the step of providing the material having a three-dimensional pattern on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof, the material is further provided with embossed material thereon which cooperates with the three-dimensional pattern to provide at least a portion of the decor to the decorative grass.

9. The method for making the decorative grass having a three-dimensional pattern of claim 8 wherein, in the step of providing the material having a three-

dimensional pattern on at least a portion of one of the upper and lower surfaces thereof, the three-dimensional and the embossed material thereon which cooperates with the three-dimensional pattern to provide at least a portion of the decor to the decorative grass are positioned within the boundaries of the segments of the decorative grass.

10. Decorative grass for use in filling Easter baskets, candy boxes, preparing floral arrangements, wreaths and other decorative purposes comprising a mass of randomly arranged segments of material having a three-dimensional pattern provided on at least a portion of one surface of the segments and wherein the segments of the material have substantially the same width and length and a substantially rectangularly shaped cross-section, and are intertwined into a cohesive mass whereby the segments of the material are provided with flat portions, random longitudinal curls, random transverse curls, crimped or crinkled portions and combinations thereof.

11. The decorative grass of claim 10 wherein at least a portion of the segments of the material are further provided with printed designs or materials on at least one surface thereof which cooperates with the three-dimensional pattern to provide at least a portion of the decor of the decorative grass.

12. The decorative grass of claim 11 wherein at least a portion of the segments of the material are further provided with an embossed material on at least one surface thereof which cooperates with the three-dimensional pattern and the printed designs or materials to provide at least a portion of the decor of the decorative grass.

13. The decorative grass of claim 12 wherein at least a portion of the printed designs or materials and the embossed material on the segments of material are in registry with one another.

14. The decorative grass of claim 12 wherein at least a portion of the printed designs or materials and the embossed material on the segments of material are out of registry with one another.

15. The decorative grass of claim 10 wherein at least a portion of the segments of material are further provided with embossed material thereon which cooperates with the three-dimensional pattern to provide at least a portion of the decor of the decorative grass.

16. A packing material in the form of decorative grass wherein the packing material comprises:

a plurality of undivided strands of material wherein at least a portion of the strands of material have a three-dimensional pattern thereon and wherein the strands of material have a substantially rectangularly-shaped cross-section.

17. The packing material of claim 16 wherein at least a portion of the strands of material are further provided with printed designs and materials thereon.

18. The packing material of claim 17 wherein at least a portion of the strands of material are further provided with an embossed material thereon.

19. The packing material of claim 18 wherein at least a portion of the printed designs and materials and the embossed materials on the strands of material are in registry with one another.

20. The packing material of claim 18 wherein at least a portion of the printed designs and materials and the embossed materials on the strands of material are out of registry with one another.

21. The packing material of claim 16 wherein at least a portion of the strands of material are further provided with an embossed material thereon.

22. A method for providing a packing material in the form of decorative grass wherein the packing material comprises a plurality of individual strands of material wherein at least a portion of the strands of material have a three-dimensional pattern on at least one surface thereof, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a roll of material having a three-dimensional pattern on at least one surface thereof;

withdrawing a portion of the material having a three-dimensional pattern on at least one surface thereof from the roll of such material;

slitting the portion of the material withdrawn from the roll to provide a slit web material wherein at least a portion of the slit web material has a three-dimensional pattern on at least one surface thereof;
and

cutting the slit web material to provide a plurality of segments having a substantially rectangular-shaped cross-section wherein at least a portion of the segments have a three-dimensional pattern.

23. The method for providing a packing material of claim 22 wherein, in the step of providing a roll of material having a three-dimensional pattern on at least one surface thereof, the material is further provided with printed designs and materials thereon.

24. The method for providing a packing material of claim 22 wherein, in the step of providing a roll of material having a three-dimensional pattern on at least one surface thereof, the material is further provided within embossed materials thereon.

25. The method for providing a packing material of claim 24 wherein segments of material having a substantially rectangular-shaped cross-section and a three-dimensional pattern provided on at least a portion of one surface of the segments are intertwined into a cohesive mass whereby the segments of the material are provided with flat portions, random longitudinal curls, random transverse curls, crimped or crinkled portions and combinations thereof.

26. The method for providing a packing material of claim 22 wherein, in the step of providing a roll of material having a three-dimensional pattern on at least one surface thereof, the material is further defined as having a thickness of from about 0.1 mil to about 30 mils.